

Welcome Back Snowy Owls!

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and had some time to relax and enjoy the sunshine! Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for all the hard work you put towards home learning - it was a great success. Mrs Rosello and I are enjoying having all of the children back in class.

This letter will give you some extra information about what we will be covering this term and any changes there are compared to last term. Remember, if at any point you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with me, please feel free to approach me on the playground at the end of the day or write a message in your child's reading record.

Literacy

This term the children will be learning about the topics of Neil Armstrong and Continents. We will be using these to inspire us to write stories, recounts of events and narrative diaries.

In order to become a successful writer, it is important that children are consistent with basic sentence punctuation (full stops and capital letters) as well as writing in a clear and neat cursive handwriting style. **It would be most helpful if you could encourage your child to write at home (about anything that interests them) with a focus on these targets.** I would be happy for children to bring in any quality writing they have done to show during Show & Tell.

Phonics

There have been some changes with groupings and teachers this term to make sure that every child is receiving the right level of support. **Please help us by continuing to ensure that your child practises their spellings at least 3 times and writes out sentences containing their spelling and the tricky words (words that do not always follow the normal spelling patterns). Please hear them read regularly at home; once a day** is strongly recommended to help your child to make the most progress. If your child is stuck on a word, ask them to use their phonics skills to help blend the sounds together.

Maths

This term we will continue to develop the key skills that the children learnt last term.

The areas will we cover this term include:

Measurement: Length and Height

Geometry: Position and Direction

Measurement: Time

Measurement: Mass, Capacity and Temperature

It is important that your child can confidently use mental addition and subtraction to recite number bond facts to 10 and 20 (e.g. a quick response to what do you add to 5 to make 17?) and their 2, 5, 10 & 3 times tables. These skills are fundamental to the depth of understanding that children in Key Stage One should develop. It would be extremely beneficial if your child could practise regularly at home.

P.E.

Just a reminder that PE lessons this term will continue to take place on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. Please ensure that your child has their correct P.E. kit in school for these days. Children may still wish to bring in a tracksuit in case of cold weather as well as shorts.

Spring term Curriculum

History (1 st ½ term)	Neil Armstrong
PSHE	Relationships, Changing me
RE	Judaism, What is the good news Jesus brings?

Science	Animals including humans
DT	Mother Nature – sculptures
PE	Invasion games and multi-skills
Geography (2 nd ½ term)	Continents
Art	Recycling and art
ICT	eBooks and digital cards

Homework

A reminder that all children are given their **Maths homework** on Mathematics on a Wednesday. Children are expected to have completed this (normally 2 activities) by the following Monday. They will also bring new **spellings** home on a Wednesday and these need to be returned the following Monday with spellings practised ready for their test. Please ensure your child practises their spellings in their spelling book **3 times** interspersed throughout the time period and also has a go at putting the spellings into sentences so I am able to see their progression.

A Final Thank You

Thank you for all your support last term with homework and all the work you do with your children at home. We are looking forward to another successful school term.

Miss Croft and the KS1 team